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FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORING MEDIUM WITH CONTROLLABLE BIT RATE FEATURES

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 22, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.